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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) In a rotary latch of the type having a rotating latch member and a pivoting release member which selectively interact to retain and release a lock strike, the improvement comprising:

a rigid, generally U-shaped housing defined by a base, [[and]]opposing sidewalls integral with and upstanding from opposite sides of said base in a mutually parallel relationship, with a set of laterally aligned outwardly opening strike notches in said sidewalls to selectively receive a portion of the lock strike therein, and an upstanding end wall integral with said base and said sidewalls and disposed adjacent to said strike notches to rigidify said housing;

a first set of mounting apertures extending laterally through said sidewalls of said housing about a first pivot axis disposed generally perpendicular with said sidewalls and spaced laterally apart from said strike notches;

a first retainer extending through said first set of mounting apertures, and pivotally mounting said latch member in said housing between said sidewalls for rotation in a plane generally parallel with said sidewalls;

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a second set of mounting apertures extending laterally through said sidewalls of said housing about a second pivot axis disposed generally parallel with and spaced laterally apart from said first pivot axis; and

a second retainer extending through said second set of mounting apertures, and pivotally mounting said release member in said housing between said sidewalls for rotation in a plane generally parallel with said sidewalls, and selective engagement with said latch member; said first pivot axis and the second pivot axis being laterally aligned on said sidewalls to facilitate mounting said rotary latch in both left and right hand latch locations.

2. (original) A rotary latch as set forth in claim 1, including:

a mounting bracket adapted to mount said housing on an associated support surface, and including first and second fasteners connected with said first and second retainers in a generally coaxial relationship to mount said housing in both the left and right hand latch locations.

- 3. (canceled)
- 4. (currently amended) A rotary latch as set forth in claim [[3]]2, wherein: said housing includes an open, U-shaped end disposed opposite said end wall.